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**VIA CERTIFIED RRR and REGULAR MAIL**

Aristide Wechsler, DVM  
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RE: Case No. 95-100  
Joane Gilchrist - complainant

Dear Dr. Wechsler:

The New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners had the opportunity to review the above captioned matter at its January 24, 1996 meeting.

This is to advise you that the Board has determined, based upon review of the complaint submitted by Ms. Gilchrist and your response with patient records, that there has been violation of the Board's patient records rule, N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9, a copy of which is also enclosed, and profession misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), a copy of which is enclosed. The Board's finding with respect to the issue of patient records is that you failed to maintain the x-rays in your possession as required by regulation. With respect to the issue of professional misconduct, the Board finds that you failed to properly read the x-ray in question; that you failed to provide appropriate radiology technique in not taking both AP and lateral x-rays; that you failed to properly apply the cast in question had there actually been a fracture; and that you failed to properly treat a soft tissue injury. The Board is, therefore, assessing a \$750 penalty for said violations.

You are hereby afforded an opportunity to dispose of this matter without a hearing and without recourse to litigation by executing the attached form and returning it to the Board within 10 days together with your remittance of \$750 made payable to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.


If you wish a hearing in this matter, you may request same within 10 days of the date of this letter. At the time of the hearing, you may appear with counsel of your choice and with any witnesses and documentary evidence you wish to provide. If no request for hearing is received within the period stated above, the Board will make its determination on the evidence in the record and will take such action as allowed by law.

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If you request a hearing, the Board will not be bound to the terms stated in this letter and may, after presentation and evaluation of the evidence, impose any of the sanctions contained in N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 to include suspension or revocation of license and assessment of penalties up to \$2,500 per violation. Additionally, the Board, may, if the facts warrant enter an Order requiring restitution of any monies acquired by unlawful acts and the payment of costs involved in this matter. The Board may also direct you to cease and desist from the continued practices found to be unlawful by the Board.

If you do not reply to this letter within the required 10 day period the Board may assess additional penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21, based upon the fact that you have failed to respond to official Board correspondence.

Very truly yours,

  
Charles A. Janousek  
Executive Director

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Enc.

cc: Brenda Lewis, DAG